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WHAT NLGI DOES

The National Lubricating Grease Institute is the only organization concerned solely with the problems of research, manufacturing, packaging, marketing, and application of lubricating greases. As such, it attempts to render technical service to its members. Over the years the Technical Committee, representing

the Institute—or the lubricating grease industry—has conferred with other groups, such as the Anti-Friction Bearing Manufacturers, the American Association of Railroads, the manufacturers of lubricating grease dispensing equipment, and others.

TYPICAL ACTIVITIES

Typical of these activities was the work done some years ago in cooperation with the A.F.B.M.A. on a restudy of the scope and method of the Norma-Hoffman Bomb oxidation test for lubricating greases. Besides preventing extensive mis-application of the test, this work produced test data which were referred to the A.S.T.M. Their designation D942-50, "Oxidation Stability of Lubricating Greases by the Oxygen Bomb Method," which now clearly defines the scope and procedure for conducting the test, resulted from the N.L.G.I.—A.F.B.M.A. cooperative work.

Similarly, the extensive work done by the N.L.G.I. Technical Committee on viscosimeters for lubricating greases was furnished to the A.S.T.M. and now appears as A.S.T.M. Designation D1092-51, "Apparent Viscosity of Lubricating Greases."

CURRENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Currently, the Panel on the Delivery Characteristics of Dispensing Equipment for Lubricating Greases, which has developed a test method and solved a thorny problem for both industries, has issued a report which will be offered to some other organization, such as A.S.T.M., for possible publication. Likewise, members of the automotive industry and the S.A.E. are being made aware of the Recommended Practices for Lubricating Automotive Front Wheel Bearings for whatever use they may wish to make of it.

In short, the N.L.G.I. does not write specifications. It studies technical problems peculiar to the lubricating grease industry as presented by its membership. The data developed are freely offered to other groups, but it avoids conflict or duplication of the activities of other groups. This it does easily, because its Technical Committee is blessed with a gregarious membership which is also active in other technical groups working on similar problems.

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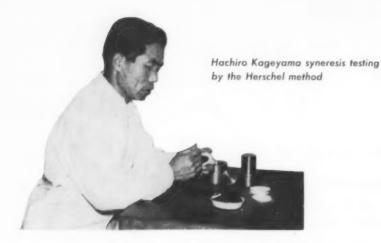
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ABOUT THE COVER

THIS MONTH WE told artist Ronald Jones to illustrate our article RHEOLOGICAL STUDIES ON THE SYNERESIS OF GREASES on page eight. He feebly stumbled through the first sentence and a half, became glassy-eyed and indignantly wanted to know "How do you expect me to illustrate this"? We admitted we didn't know.

Thumbing through some old magazines we had lying around he came across a picture of a shiny new car that no one in his wildest dreams had ever thought of putting on a production line. "Now, here's something you ought 'ta have on your cover." We admitted it was a bit daring, but had possibilities.

What he finally came up with illustrates lubricating grease poured from a drum through an hour glass covering an old car and the latest thing. He explained the gimmick this way "The whole thing illustrates the use of lubricating grease over a span of years from the old to the latest." His idea turned out rather well, don't you think.



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Rheological Studies on the Syneresis of Lubricating Greases

Although syneresis has been observed since the time of Thomas Graham1 with many kinds of organic and inorganic gels, the mechanism of this phenomenon has been considered by few investigators. Lloyd2 regarded the syneresis of gelatine gel as a process provoked by the elastic force of the gel. Kuhn3 considered this as a continuation of the disintegrative process of gelatinization through structure change and desolvation. Available evidence indicates that in duplex gels4, such as soap-oil systems, one part of the oil is closely bound to the elementary soap micellae, the remainder being physically immobilized within the capillary spaces between the fibrillar network of soap. Although syneretic gels differ in the structure of the framework which is considered to be constructed by mutual linking or entangling of the more or less linear aggregates of the primary particles of the gelling agent, it is probable that at least some part of liquid is, in any case, held by capillary force within the spaces between the framework. Smith and his collaborators5 regarded syneresis as a phenomenon in which mechanically-held liquid is expelled partly spontaneously and partly by structural changes in the gel framework. We consider that syneresis is due to creep in the visco-

elastic body of gel, and, accordingly, some quantitative connection should exist between syneresis and creep. To substantiate this, it would be desirable to measure both the creep and syneresis of any gel and to examine the relationship between them, but it is unfortunately very difficult to determine the creep of a syneretic gel. As the creep behavior of viscoelastic bodies under constant stress can be represented by the theoretical equation of creep for the so-called generalized Voigt model, we determined in this investigation the syneresis-time curves under constant pressure of various greases, such as lithium soap greases, calcium soap greases, Bentone greases, silica greases and Silicone greases, and correlated the syneresis curves with the theoretical curves of creep. Since, even without load, the gravity corresponding to the static head acts on gel and because a gel has generally, as appreciated by Kuhn, more or less internal stress, it seems plausible that the creep due to such forces occurs in a gel and causes syneresis.

In our experiments, a Herschel press⁶ was employed to determine the syneretic behavior of greases under constant pressure. The filter papers used for sandwiching the sample of greases were preoiled, as suggested by Herschel, because the true amount of exuded oil can not be determined without this operation. In the case of the Silicone grease, a light Silicone oil was used for preoiling the filter papers.

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The results of measurements on Bentone grease B-2 and Silicone grease DC-33, compositions of which are given in Tables I and II, are illustrated respectively by o and x, in Figure 1, where the degree of syneresis (oil loss in weight per cent) is plotted against logarithmic time. The curves showing the relationship between syneresis and logarithmic time are S-shaped in both cases and coincide, as will be later described, almost completely in shape with the calculated curves of creep.

If we assume that the viscoelastic behavior of a gel can be represented by a generalized Voigt model, creep s under constant stress f₀ is given by the equation[†]

$$S = f_o \int_{T=0}^{T=\infty} (T) (1 - e^{-t/T}) dT$$
 (1),

where T is retardation time and J(T) is the distribution function of retardation times; J(T)dT represents the contribution to the elastic compliance (i.e., the reciprocal of the modulus) of the Voigt elements whose retardation times lie between T and T+dT.

To solve the equation, we used the following distribution of retardation times:

$$\begin{array}{ll} J(T) dT \!=\! (J_{\text{o}}/T) dT & T_{\text{l}} \!<\! T \!<\! T_{\text{m}} \\ J(T) \!=\! 0 & T \!<\! T_{\text{l}} \, \text{and} \, T \!>\! T_{\text{m}} \end{array}$$

where J_o is a constant, and T_1 and T_m are the minimum and maximum retardation times of the system. This distribution is quite similar to that of relaxation times which Andrews and his collaborators applied to the calculation of Maxwellian decay of stress in polyisobutylene.

In terms of this distribution function, equation (1) becomes

$$\begin{split} S &= f_o \bigg[\int_{-T_1}^{T_m} & (J_o/T) dT - \int_{-T_1}^{T_m} (J_o/T) e^{-t/T} dT \bigg] \\ &= f_o J_o \bigg[\int_{-T_1}^{T_m} & dlnT - \int_{-T_1}^{T_m} (e^{-t/T}/T) dT \bigg] \end{split}$$

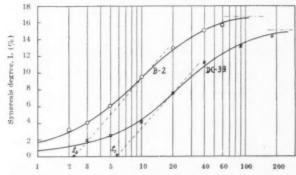


Figure 1—Syneresis curves for Bentone grease B-2 and Silicone grease DC-33.

O X = Experimental ---- = Theoretical

$$= f_{o}J_{o}\left[\ln \frac{T_{m}}{T_{1}} - \left\{E_{i}(-\frac{t}{T_{1}}) - E_{i}(-\frac{t}{T_{m}})\right\}\right]$$
(2),

where E₁ denotes the exponential integral function; i.e.,

$$E_1(-X) = -\int \frac{e^{-y}}{y} dy \qquad (0 < X < x).$$

If the values of T_1 and T_m are chosen to give the best fit to experimental data, $\frac{S}{f_o J_o}$ can be calculated by equation (2).

Then, if we assume that syneresis in grease proceeds in direct proportion to creep, the oil loss due to the syneresis should be expressed by

$$L = \frac{ks}{f_{o}J_{o}} = kln \frac{T_{m}}{T_{I}} - k \left[E_{i}(-\frac{t}{T_{I}}) - E_{i}(-\frac{t}{T_{m}}) \right]$$
(3),

where L is oil loss in weight per cent and k is a proportional constant.

Putting T_1 =4 minutes, T_m =40 minutes and k=7.25 for Bentone grease B-2 and T_1 =10 minutes, T_m =100 minutes and k=6.55 for Silicone grease DC-33, we calculated the syneresis-time curves of these greases by equation (3). The calculated curves are compared with experimental syneresis data in Figure 1. They seem to correspond almost exactly with the experimental data. The theory that syneresis proceeds in proportion with creep is, therefore, correct, provided equation (2) is valid for grease.

The values of T_1 and T_m for each grease may vary according to the composition, as well as the phase state, of the grease. As T_1 is believed to belong to the most easily mobilizable molecules among the oil molecules



Shown here is Takashi Oki making the Herschel test.

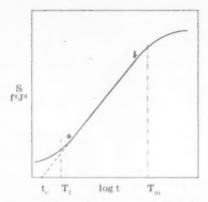


Figure 2—Type of creep curve having the straight line portion a b for 3 $T_1 \le t \le T_m$.

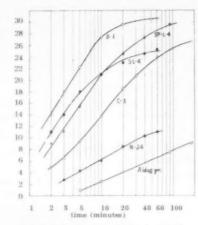


Figure 3—Synoresis curves of several greases.

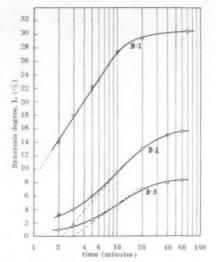


Figure 4—Syneresis curves of Bentone greases.

held mechanically within the framework of grease, the value of T_1 is generally very small ($T_1{<}\,30$ minutes in most cases), while T_m may in certain greases be several hundred times greater than T_1 . Therefore, let us now consider equation (2) with the limitation 3 $T_1{<}\,t{<}\,T_m$. The value of $-E_1$ (-t) is 0.013 when t =3, and 0.000004 $\overline{T_1}$ when t =10, thus decreasing rapidly with increase in $\overline{T_1}$ until it becomes zero at the infinite value of t .

 $\frac{T_1}{T_1}$ until it becomes zero at the infinite value of $\frac{t}{T_1}$. Accordingly, if $t>3T_1$, the term $E_t(-\frac{t}{T_1})$ in equation

(2) can be neglected. Further, if $t << T_m$,

$$E_i(-\frac{t}{\tau_m}) = -ln \frac{1}{V \frac{t}{T_m}}$$

where V=1.781. Therefore, when $3T_1 < t < < T_m$, the equation (2) reduces to the form

$$\frac{S}{f_0J_0} = 2.303(\log \frac{V}{T_1} + \log t)$$
 (4),

indicating that a straight line relationship holds between $\frac{S}{f_0J_0}$ and logarithmic time. However, if t approaches $T_{\rm in}$

or becomes larger than T_m , or if t approaches T_1 or becomes smaller than T_i , the relation between $\frac{S}{f_0J_\alpha}$ and

logarithmic time is no longer linear, but is represented by a type of curve having the straight line portion for $3T_1 < t < T_m$ similar to that illustrated in Figure 2. In support of the theory that syneresis is due to creep, syneresis curves which correspond to a creep curve or a portion of the curve have frequently been observed, as shown in Figures 3-6, where the syneresis curves for various greases, such as Bentone grease, Silicone grease, lithium soap grease, sodium soap grease, calcium soap grease and Aldag grease, are plotted. The characteristics of these greases are given in Tables I-IV.

In the case of the creep curve shown in Figure 2, the time $t_{\rm e}$ which is given by the intercept of the extrapolated straight line portion of the curve on the log time axis corresponds in equation (4) to the value of t for $\frac{S}{f_{\rm o}J_{\rm o}}$ =0.

TABLE II
Characteristics of Bentone Greases Tested

| | Comp | osition | A.S.T.M. | Syneresis Index $(1/t_s)$ | |
|--------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Grease | Mineral Oil* | Bentone 34 | Worked Penetration | | |
| B-1 | 90 | 10 | 381 | 1 = 2.5 | |
| B-2 | 86 | 14 | 226 | 0.4 $1 = 0.45$ 2.2 | |
| B-3 | 82 | 18 | 188 | $\frac{1}{3.0} = 0.33$ | |

[&]quot;The viscosity of the mineral oil is 7.37 centistokes at 50°C.

TABLE I
Characteristics of Commercial Greases Tested

| Turn of Sont | Const. | ituents | A.S.T.M. Worked | Syneresis Index $(1/t_n)$ $\frac{1}{5.7} = 0.18$ | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Type of Soap | Oil | Thickener | Penetration | | |
| Silicone grease DC-33 | silicone oil | Li soap | 218 | | |
| Sodium soap grease N-24 | mineral oil | Na soap | 227 | $\frac{1}{1.0} = 1.0$ | |
| Aldag grease No. 300 | mineral oil | alumina- silica gel | 220 | $\frac{1}{3.4} = 0.29$ | |
| Calcium soap grease C-1 | mineral oil | Ca soap | 227 | $\frac{1}{1.7} = 0.59$ | |

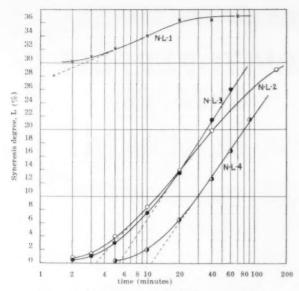


Figure 5-Syneresis curves of lithium soap greases.

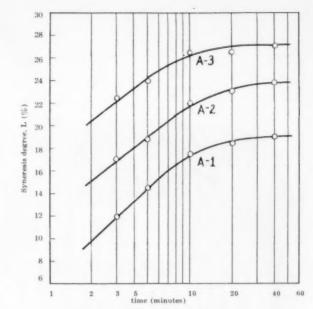


Figure 6-Syneresis curves of silica greases.

$$t_e = \frac{T_1}{V} = \frac{T_1}{1.781}$$

As $t_{\rm e}$ is proportional to $T_{\rm i}$, the value of $t_{\rm e}$ should be intimately connected with the initial rate of syneresis and may be a measure of the rate. When the creep curve resembles the syneresis curves in Figure 1, the value of $t_{\rm e}$ can also be approximately determined by the intercept on the log time axis of the tangent line drawn to the curve at the inflexion point.

Since the syneresis curve is similar in shape to the creep curve, the time t_n which corresponds to t_e for the creep curve is obtainable from the syneresis curve in the same manner as above, and the value of t_n, like that of t_e, may be a relative measure of the initial rate of syneresis. We designated the reciprocal of t_n as the "syneresis index," and proposed to evaluate the initial rate of syneresis by

this index. As has been pointed out by Farrington and Humphreys,10 the bleeding of grease in storage seems to be mainly connected with the initial rate of syneresis in the Herschel test. The syneresis index may, therefore, be applicable as a practical measure of the bleeding rate of grease in storage. In Tables II-IV, the values of syneresis index of various samples of Bentone greases, lithium soap greases and silica greases are shown together with their values of A.S.T.M. penetration. These values of syneresis index were determined from the syneresis curves of the greases shown in Figures 3-6. For greases made with the same thickening agent, a straight line relationship holds, as is illustrated by Figure 7, between A.S.T.M. penetration and the logarithmic value of the syneresis index. The relation for calcium soap greases in Figure 7 was obtained from the experimental data of Farrington and Humphreys.

TABLE III
Characteristics of Lithium Soap Greases Tested

| Grease | Base Oil | Viscosity of Base Oil at 50°C.(c.s.) | Li Soap* | A.S.T.M. Worked Penetration | Syneresis Index (1/t _n) | Ultimate Oil Loss (%) |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| N-L-1 | 60 spindle oil | 7.26 | 15 | 426 | $\frac{1}{0.5 \times 10^{-4}} = 2 \times 10^{4}$ | |
| N-L-2 | 120 machine oil | 37.3 | 15 | 231 | $\frac{1}{3.3} = 0.33$ | * * * |
| N-L-3 | 250 diesel oil | 54.2 | 15 | 228 | $\frac{1}{5.5} = 0.18$ | |
| N-L-4 | 30 motor oil | 70.0 | 15 | 223 | $\frac{1}{11.0} = 0.091$ | |
| S-L-4 | squalane | 12.9 | 17 | 261 | $\frac{1}{0.6} = 1.67$ | 26.1 |
| SP-L-4 | squalane + 3% polyisobutene | 24.4 | 17 | 246 | $\frac{1}{0.8} = 1.25$ | 28.2 |
| Lithium soap | of hydrogenated castor oil | acid. | | | | |

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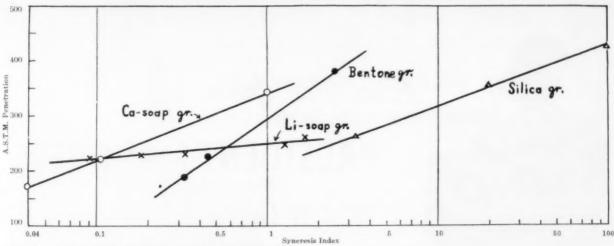


Figure 7—Relation between A.S.T.M. penetration and the logarithmic value of syneresis index.

To express the relation between oil loss L and time t in the Herschel tests, Farrington and Humphreys used the empirical formula

$$\frac{t}{-} = a + bt$$

where a and b are constants. They found, however, that this formula was not in agreement with the experimental results during the initial period of syneresis and considered that this discrepancy was probably due to the time required to wet the filter papers, because their tests were made with non-preoiled filter papers. But our tests made with preoiled filter papers have shown also that no straight line relationship holds between t and t dur-

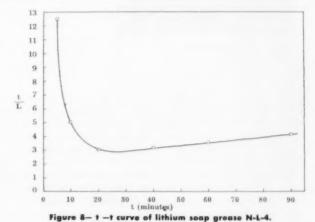
ing the initial period of syneresis, as is illustrated by the result on grease N-L-4 in Figure 8. The conclusion of Farrington and Humphreys that a in the above formula is a measure of the initial rate of syneresis may therefore be untenable. Ultimate oil loss $L_{\rm ult}$, obtainable through the relation $L_{\rm ult} = \frac{1}{b}$, does not always increase with the

increase of A.S.T.M. penetration, even for greases of the same soap base. Grease S-L-4 is, as shown in Table III, higher in ultimate oil loss than grease SP-L-4, while the former is lower in A.S.T.M. penetration than the latter. Thus, for greases thickened with the same gelling agent, no such definite relationship exists between ultimate oil loss and A.S.T.M. penetration as that found between syneresis index and A.S.T.M. penetration.

TABLE IV
Characteristics of Silica Greases Tested

| | Com | position | A.S.T.M. | Syneresis | |
|--------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|
| Grease | Mineral Oil* (%) | Silica Aerogel(%) | Worked Penetration | Index $(1/t_{\rm q})$ | |
| A-1 | 92 | 8 | 425 | 1 =100 | |
| | | | | 0.01 | |
| A-2 | 91 | 9 | 356 | 1 = 20 | |
| | 0.0 | 10 | 2/2 | 0.05 | |
| A-3 | 90 | 10 | 263 | $\frac{1}{2.10} = 3.3$ | |
| | | | | 0.30 | |

^{*}The viscosity of the mineral oil is 70.0 centistokes at 50°C.



In support of the theory that syneresis is due to creep, the syneresis curves of lubricating greases can be accurately expressed by the theoretical equation of creep for the generalized Voigt model. The syneresis index obtainable from the syneresis curve is a measure of the initial rate of syneresis. For greases thickened with the same gelling agent, a straight line relationship holds between A.S.T.M. penetration and the logarithmic value of syneresis index, and no definite connection exists between ultimate oil loss and A.S.T.M. penetration.

Conclusion

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The National Lubricating Grease Institute is an unusual living example of business democracy in action, with the largest and the smallest segments of our industry working side by side in perfect harmony contributing from their "know how" and experience, not only for the advancement of our industry but, in a much larger degree, for the benefit of our common friend, Mr. Consumer.

This Institute was originally conceived by two men, Mr. J. R. Battenfeld and Mr. William H. Saunders, Jr., who in 1932 wrote letters to each other that crossed in the mail suggesting the creation of some type of organization for the Lubricating Grease Industry. Mr. Battenfeld, who was the Institute's first President, has passed on to his reward. Mr. Saunders, who was the third President of the Institute, is presently a member of its Board of Directors.

The same objectives and purposes which were wisely adopted by the first general Institute meeting in 1933 still prevail and speak most nobly for the farsightedness of its creators.

It has been a real privilege as well as a genuine pleasure to act as your President during this past year. No one has ever experienced a greater degree of cooperation and helpfulness than it has been my privilege to enjoy, and I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to every Board Member, every Officer, every Committee Chairman and every Committee member for their untiring efforts—without which there would be no Institute. I also wish to say thank you to our Executive Secretary, Mr. Harry Bennetts, and our office staff for their willing and faithful cooperation.

In attempting to peer into the future, it is of little use to base our opinions on what has happened in the past or the few years since the Lubricating Grease Industry has developed to where we know it today.

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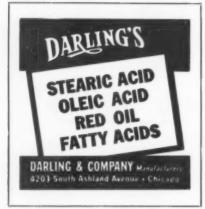
Multiply the lubricating problems which we know were encountered at the rocket proving grounds, where the time factor was only one of minutes, compared with the many days of continuous flight these Neutralizing Platforms might be required to remain aloft. Then think of how vital it would be that these man-made satellites continue in flight without mishap and you face another fantastic future contribution which the Lubricating Grease Industry may some day be called upon to make in behalf of world peace and for the eventual benefit of all mankind.

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$$R \begin{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_1 \\ -\overrightarrow{Si} - O \end{matrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \begin{matrix} R_3 \\ -\overrightarrow{Si} - R_5 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \begin{matrix} -\overrightarrow{Si} - R_5 \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

It is claimed to have no inherent rust inhibiting value, such as that possessed by many hydrocarbon oils, and it is not a good boundary lubricant because seizure at low loads will occur in bearings employing it as a lubricant.

The patent is directed to the production of silicone greases having high oxidation resistance. Lubricating compositions containing an organo-silicon base fluid and a minor amount (5-30%) of lithium stearate, together with 0.2-3% of phenothiazine, possess a remarkable resistance to oxidation which is claimed to be entirely disproportionate to what would be expected from the known properties of the individual ingredients.

To illustrate this property, oxidation tests were run in

a Norma-Hoffman bomb on 20 gm. samples subjected to an initial pressure of 110 psi and held constantly at 150° C. Composition "A" consisted of 83% methylphenyl silicone co-polymer and 17% lithium stearate, while composition "C" consisted of 82% methyl phenyl silicone copolymer, 17% lithium stearate and 1% phenothiazine. Table 1 shows the pressure drop obtained with the two compositions at various intervals of time.

| | Pressure Dre | op in p.s.i. |
|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Time, brs. | A | C |
| 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 20 | 4.0 | 0.0 |
| 40 | 13.0 | 0.0 |
| 60 | 24.0 | 0.0 |
| 80 | 33.0 | 0.0 |
| 100 | 41.0 | 1.0 |
| 120 | 46.0 | 1.0 |
| 140 | 50.0 | 1.0 |
| 160 | | 4.0 |
| 180 | | 6.0 |
| 200 | | 8.5 |
| 220 | | 9.0 |
| 240 | | 10.5 |
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There is now a trend toward colored greases (Wall St. J. 11-1-54, p. 1).

Standard Oil (Calif.) is packaging its new RPM grease in plastic bags shaped like extra-long toothpaste tubes, holding 12 ozs. The top is cut off and the whole thing is dropped into the gun, thus avoiding messiness (Wall St. J. 11-1-54, p. 1).

American Potash and Chem. Co. will build, near San Antonio, a plant for producing lithium chemicals (*N.Y. World Teleg.* 10-19-54, p. 35).

As an additive for black grease (for lubricating watercooled plate mill bearings by the Tecalemit system), a soft stable lime soap product made of heavy black oil and fortified with lead oleate or lead naphthenate was suggested (*Sci. Lubrication*, 6-54, p. 36).

Factors affecting performance of high temperature greases-Armstrong (Iron and Steel Engr. 9-54, p. 167).

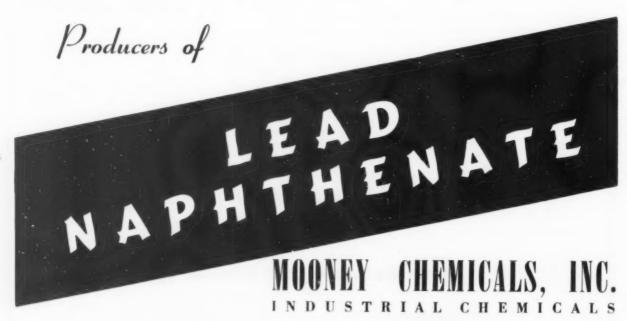
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Mr. Galloway said the new organization is a reflection of the increasing importance of Shell's gas activities and of the greater attention being given to technological advances and to new problems such as those concerning tar sands and oil shales.

Managers of the three new departments will report to R. W. Bond, pro-

duction manager.

W. B. Golush, formerly head office gas representative, will be manager of the gas department with over-all responsibility for coordination of the company's gas activities. J. T. Jordan, formerly chief technologist in New York, will be manager of the technological department, dealing with oil and gas technology, and with tar sands, "in situ" combustion, and other special studies. J. D. Goodrich, formerly production manager of the North Texas division of the Tulsa area, will be manager of the mechanical engineering department, responsible for coordination of mechanical engineering work in the company's various production areas.

Mr. Golush was born at Bayonne, New Jersey, and received a degree in chemical engineering from the Carnegie Institute of Technology at Pittsburgh. He joined Shell as a chemical engineer in the manufacturing department at Martinez, California, in 1935. He was appointed technological assistant at San Francisco in 1938 and executive assistant in 1943. Three years later he was named assistant department manager at Dominguez, California, and in 1947 became senior engineer at Houston, Texas. The following year he was made manager of the gas-gasoline department. He became head office gas representative in 1952.

Mr. Jordan was born at Muskogee, Oklahoma, and received a degree in refinery engineering from the University of Oklahoma at Norman. He joined Shell as a roustabout at Lucien, Oklahoma, in 1936. He was transferred to Houston in 1940 as a process engineer and was appointed chief technologist there in 1948. Four years later he became senior mechanical engineer at New York. In 1954, he was appointed chief technologist.

Mr. Goodrich was born at Oklahoma City and received a degree in mechanical engineering from Rice In-

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stitute at Houston. He joined Shell as a mechanical engineer at Midland, Texas, in 1937. He was appointed division mechanical engineer at Lake Charles, Louisiana, in 1940 and became chief mechanical engineer there in 1946. He was appointed chief mechanical engineer at Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1950, and production manager of the North Texas division in 1953.

John D. Rogers To Du Pont

John D. Rogers will serve as engineer on new product developments for the Du Pont Company's Petroleum Chemicals Division, it has been announced by J. R. Sabina, technical manager of the division.

Mr. Rogers formerly worked with refiners on automotive combustion problems as an automotive technologist. He joined the Du Pont Company in 1951 as a senior engineer at the Petroleum Laboratory at Deepwater

Point, New Jersey.

Before coming with Du Pont, he was engaged in fuel development work for the Standard Oil Company of California where he specialized in rocket and jet aviation fuels. Previous to this, he was employed by Wright Aeronautical Corporation as a combustion analyst and design engineer.

A graduate of the University of Delaware, Mr. Rogers received his master's degree in mechanical engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology and did advance study in thermodynamics at the University of California at Berkeley.

Acheson Announces Personnel Promotions

Howard A. Acheson, president of Acheson Industries, Inc., announced that M. W. Reynolds has been appointed general manager of Acheson Colloids Company, and that P. C. Buck has been named to take charge of engineering and production for Acheson Industries, Inc. Both are vice presidents of Acheson Industries, Inc., of which Acheson Colloids Company, Port Huron, Michigan, manufacturers of colloidal graphite, is a division.

Mr. Reynolds will have full responsibility for the Port Huron operation, formerly shared by Mr. Buck. Mr. Buck's position is a new one, growing out of the firm's recent ex-

pansion.

Mr. Buck is currently in Orange, Texas, supervising construction of a new pigment dispersing plant, for Acheson Dispersed Pigments Co., Philadelphia, Pa. He will return to Port Huron to carry on his new duties.







Pictured from left to right are G. C. Bradshaw, Walter S. Keutzer, and Warren F. Michener of Mallinckrodt Chemical Works. Joseph Fistere, President, recently announced their promotions in the sales department. Mr. Bradshaw is the new director of sales research. Mr. Keytzer is western division sales manager and Mr. Michener is assistant sales manager.

F. M. Siebert Dies In Houston

Frank M. Siebert, better known in the oil industry as "Doc" Siebert, for many years Chief Chemist for Gulf Oil's Houston Production Division, died in Houston, Texas recently. He had been retired from the company for two years.

A native of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, Dr. Siebert was graduated from Penn State College in 1910 with a degree in Chemical engineering, and received his Ph.D. from Princeton in 1914. He came with Gulf in 1917 after four years with the U.S. Bureau of Mines.

At the Bureau of Mines he and his collaborators were the first to separate petroleum gas into its component hydrocarbons.

Originally assigned by Gulf to the study of pipe line corrosion, Dr. Siebert became interested in oil and gas conservation. It is through his work in these fields that he was recognized throughout the industry as one of the pioneers in conservation.

One of Dr. Siebert's early significant accomplishments was that of developing a method of separating oil from an oil and water emulsion. He developed an electrical dehydration system which, combined with the use of centrifugal force, proved much more efficient than methods theretofore used.

He pioneered in the development of drilling methods and in the use of many other devices now accepted as routine conservation procedure.

Dr. Siebert and his associates started a mud school in the Gulf Laboratory in Houston, delving into all phases of the use of mud for drilling purposes. Engineers trained in that school are now scattered all over the world employed as specialists in mud drilling techniques.

He was a member of the American Chemical Society and many other technical societies and was active in these societies throughout his career with Gulf.

Cambere Moves to Stewart-Warner

Ara A. Cambere, formerly vice president and director of the Oliver Iron and Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, has been named assistant to Bennett Archambault, president of Stewart-Warner Corporation.

Mr. Cambere will be responsible for the activities of Stewart-Warner Corporation in connection with its program of diversification and expansion by the acquisition from others of new products and businesses.

Mr. Cambere was at one time asso-

ciated with Hayden, Stone & Co., New York investment bankers, and was later vice president of Manufacturers Capital Corp., New York, as well as director of several other corporations. He was president of Berry Motors, Inc., Corinth, Miss., before its acquisition in 1951 by the Oliver Iron and Steel Corporation.

A native of New York, Mr. Cambere is a graduate of the Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Duquesne Club and the St. Clair Country Club, both of Pittsburgh, and the Lawyers' Club and Seventh Regiment Association of New York.

Witco-Continental Advances Carver

Announcement is made of the appointment of Leslie D. Carver as Export Technical Sales Manager for Witco Chemical Co., and Continental Carbon Co.

Mr. Carver has been Technical Service Director, Rubber Chemicals Division, since joining the Witco-Continental organization in January 1948. In this capacity he has represented the organization in the United Kingdom and Europe, traveling also and becoming well known in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

NEW OWNER AND MANAGER OF COWLES DISSOLVER



G. H. MOREHOUSE

G. H. Morehouse and L. P. Smoot, owners of Morehouse Industries of Los Angeles, California, announce that they have purchased the Cowles Dissolver business of the Cowles Company, Inc., Cayuga, N.Y. The purchase includes the plant facilities, land, buildings, machinery, inventory and equipment.

The Cowles Dissolver is a specialized type of machinery designed to accomplish dissolving of particles of material in solution at exceptionally high speed. The general manager of the Dissolver manufacturing facilities under the new owners will be Horton N. Meyer, Jr., who was formerly associated with the Cowles Company, Inc., for over seven years.

C. E. Lane Retires from Gulf

Mr. C. E. Lane, Assistant Treasurer in charge of Insurance Department of Gulf Oil Corporation and its subsidiary companies, retired December 31, according to an announcement of the company.

Mr. J. A. Edwards has been elected Assistant Treasurer, succeeding Mr. Lane.

A veteran of thirty-nine years of service, Mr. Lane has spent most of that time handling insurance matters for Gulf, and is considered an authority in that field.

He joined Gulf in 1916 as a clerk



HORTON N. MEYER, JR.

in the Auditing Section of the Sales Department and was transferred to the Treasury Department shortly before his induction into the U. S. Army Aviation Corps during World War I.

Following his return to Gulf in 1919, Mr. Lane rejoined the Company's Treasury staff and assisted in organizing the Insurance Department. Subsequently he became Office Manager and then Assistant Manager of the department.

He was elected an Assistant Treasurer in 1950 and placed in charge of the Insurance Department and has served in that capacity until the pres-

Mr. Edwards joined Gulf in 1950 as Assistant Manager of the Insurance Department and has served in that capacity until his recent election.

Prior to coming with the company, he had extensive executive insurance experience with some of the major companies in the field.

During World War II, Mr. Edwards was Assistant Chief of the U. S. Navy Insurance Department with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

He will continue to be located in the company's General Office in the Gulf Building, Pittsburg'a.

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To Head Dock Board



WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS, JR.

William H. Saunders, Jr., president and founder of the International Lubricant Corporation, was elected president of the New Orleans Dock Board on January 17th at the board's first meeting of the year. He is one of the three founders of the National Lubricating Grease Institute where he has served as a member of it's board of directors for many years. He is also a past vice president and president of that organization.

Outlining future plans for the Dock Board, Saunders pointed out future expansion of facilities necessary for anticipated trade through the port. He told the board "commerce through the port in 1954 emphasized the need for future expansion . . . the first move in a long range wharf improvement program . . . will probably require expenditures in excess of \$10,000,000."

New Orleans is the number two port of the nation and must be maintained with increased facilities to meet the challenge of expanded national trade.

For all we know this may be another pioneering venture for NLGI Director Saunders. Twenty-two years ago he thought the lubricating grease industry urgently needed leadership and direction. He created the NLGI as an answer to that problem. Forceful in the creation of this organization it's expected he will again use the quiet mastery of his own ability to lead by creating a still greater port of New Orleans.



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Industry NEWS

G. P. & F. Celebrating Diamond Anniversary

Geuder, Paeschke & Frey Co., Milwaukee, is celebrating its Diamond Anniversary in 1955. Founded in Milwaukee on January 2, 1880, the firm is now 75 years old.

Started as a small "tin shop" for the manufacturing of tin plate cooking and baking utensils, G. P. & F. has grown with the years. More than 1100 persons are now employed in plants in Milwaukee; Sheboygan, Wis.; and Lebanon, Ind.

Today, some of Geuder, Paeschke & Frey's best known products are housewares and dairy utensils, and ironing tables and pad and cover sets. But a glance at one of the firm's earliest catalogs shows that America's needs were quite different 75 years ago. In those days, G. P. & F. was making moulds for home-made candles, tin coffee flasks (the forerunner of the thermos bottle), portable tin bath tubs, camp kettles for the Klondike trade, and torches for political parades.

Rare in American business history is the fact that today, two grandsons of the original founders, August K. Paeschke, President and General Manager, and Frank T. Frey, Executive Vice President, continue in the operation of the company formed by their grandfathers 75 years ago.

Continental Can Announces Service Agreement With Japanese Company

Continental Can Company has signed a service agreement with Toyo Seikan Kaisha, Ltd., of Tokyo, it has been announced by Lowell K. Hanson, general manager of Continental's Overseas Division.

Under terms of the agreement, the Japanese company, represented by M. Yoshikawa, managing director, becomes a licensee to use Continental's machinery, manufacturing processes and technical knowledge in the metal container field, he said.

Toyo Seikan, a manufacturer of open-top and general line cans, has four factories located in Shimizu, Osaka, Tobata and Tokyo.

Vulcan Announces New Drum

Now available from stock in small or large quantities is the new Vulcan one-gallon tight head drum incorporating all the up-to-date features of standard-size containers.

Answering the demand for smaller, easier-to-handle shipping and dispensing containers, this one-gallon drum will be available with either a regular interior coating or a hi-bake lining. The one-gallon drum meets the demand for shipment of products where smaller quantities are required as in agriculture, laboratories or numerous departments within a company—eliminate wasteful refilling which is often-





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times dangerous and a fire hazard.

The new drum is a sturdy, standard ICC-17E container, round in shape with welded side seams and double-seamed ends. The top is necked in to provide for convenient stable stacking, and has a carrying handle and recessed 45 mm screw cap—pouring spouts, either plastic or metal, available. The interior of the drum has a non-toxic, chemical resistant hi-bake lining, with additional interior linings for other products supplied upon individual requirements, packed in cartons.

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Spaght Calls for "Brave New Research"

One of man's best hopes for a better future on earth is in "brave new research" to find new sources of energy, according to Monroe E. Spaght, executive vice president of Shell Oil Company. Speaking recently before the Stanford Research Institute in San Francisco, he urged an audience of western business men to support large-scale studies that will improve the efficiency with which present energy sources are used and develop new sources for the future.

The need for scientific advance is urgent, he indicated, because world population, which is growing at an explosive rate, demands enormous new quantities of energy every year. Progress will continue only if enough energy can be supplied to support the growth.

Mr. Spaght said he is confident the energy will be found. Meanwhile, petroleum industry research programs designed to improve the efficiency with which oil is used will make the supply of this fuel last longer and thus allow more time for developing other sources.

The new source of greatest promise for the near future is atomic energy, already being developed for use in generating electricity. Atomic energy will probably be in very general use for peaceful purposes much sooner than many now believe, Mr. Spaght said.

Even greater energy sources may be developed from the fusion (H-bomb) reaction. This source of energy, if it can be controlled for peaceful uses, could supply all the world's needs for centuries.

The greatest source of energy is the sun—three days of sunshine pour on the earth as much energy as could be obtained by burning all the available wood and fossil fuel and consuming all the fissionable materials. With our present knowledge, it is hard to capture and use much solar heat. But future research and technology will doubtless lead to ways of using much more of it.

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API Booklets Very Popular

Two booklets recently released by the American Petroleum Institute to help service stations boost motor oil sales have proved so popular that the first printing is exhausted, and a second is now on the presses.

Entitled "Know Your Motor Oil" and "How to Sell Motor Oil," the booklets were prepared by the Institute's Marketing Division.

The initial printing of 50,000 copies of each was purchased within three weeks after announcement of their availability, according to A. J. Rumoshosky, Director of the Division of Marketing. He said the second printing calls for another 50,000 of each.

The Marketing Director noted that orders for the booklets came from both large and small oil companies and from many individual dealers and jobbers.

"Know Your Motor Oil" gives the dealer important facts he needs to sell his products confidently and aggressively. This attractively illustrated booklet also helps dealers answer cus-

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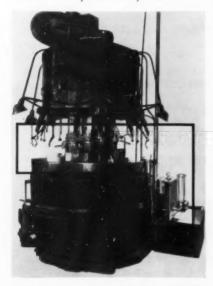
tomers' questions about motor oil and automotive lubrication.

In addition, it explains in easy-tounderstand language the importance of proper lubrication and the functions of motor oil additives, as well as the SAE viscosity terms, the API lube service classifications, and the new API crankcase oil drain policy.

"How to Sell Motor Oil," which was designed as a companion piece to "Know Your Motor Oil," describes practical sales techniques that dealers and their employees can use effectively in increasing their ratio of motor oil to gasoline sales. The booklet, which is written from the dealer's point of view, covers such topics as product promotion, personal selling, meeting customer objections, and closing the sale.

Each of the two booklets is available at \$20.00 for the first hundred copies, and 15 cents each for additional copies. Quantity discounts are available on bulk orders. The booklets can be obtained from the API's Division of Marketing, 50 West 50th Street, New York 20. Checks or money orders should accompany orders for less than \$10.00.

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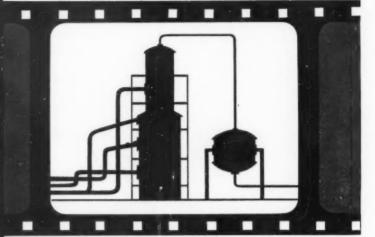
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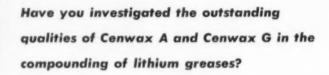
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Developed by the Shell organization over a period of ten years, it is a method of dynamic testing of roads which simulates the jarring effects of actual traffic on asphaltic construction and measures these effects in engineering units.

It has the advantages over previous methods of being non-destructive, requiring no samples or laboratory work and providing immediate, on-the-spot answers. It can measure movements in pavement as small as one ten-thousandth of an inch.

Attending the demonstration were representatives of the Bureau of Public Roads, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Highway Research Board, members of state highway agencies, and engineers and others in private industry connected with road building and maintenance.

The method uses a mobile machine containing eccentrically weighted wheels which impart to the pavement through a stationary vertical shaft and base plate the same effects as passing automobiles and trucks. The effects are measured and recorded on electronic devices.

This method of testing shows how much the pavement is pushed down by a vehicle, how much of a bend there is in the top surface, how far load vibrations travel through the pavement, and its fatigue characteristics.

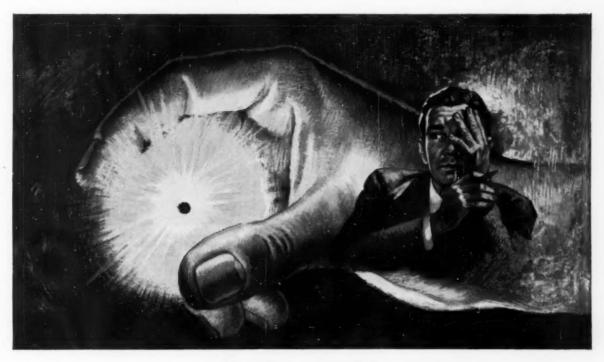


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- 24 National Industrial Conference Board, Shamrock Hotel, Houston, Texas

APRIL, 1955

- 11-15 Greater New York Safety Council (annual convention and exposition), Statler Hotel, New York, N.Y.
- 13-15 American Society of Lubrication Engineers (tenth annual meeting and lubrication exhibit), Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Illinois.

MAY, 1955

9-12 American Petroleum Institute (Division of Refining, midyear meeting), Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.

- 16-18 American Petroleum Institute (Division of Marketing, Lubrication Committee), The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.
- 16-18 American Petroleum Institute (Division of Transportation, Products Pipe Line Conference), Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
- 19-20 National Industrial Conference Board, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, N. Y.
- 23-25 American Petroleum Institute (Division of Marketing, midyear meeting), Chase and Park Plaza Hotels, St. Louis, Mo.

JUNE, 1955

- 6-15 Fourth World Petroleum Congress, Rome, Italy.
- 12-17 SAE Golden Anniversary Summer Meeting, Chalfonte Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, N. J.
- 26 to American Society for Testing

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- 23-25 National Assn. of Oil Equipment Jobbers (4th annual meeting), Hotel President, Kansas City, Mo.
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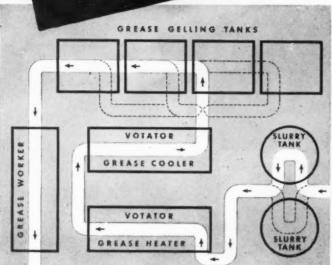
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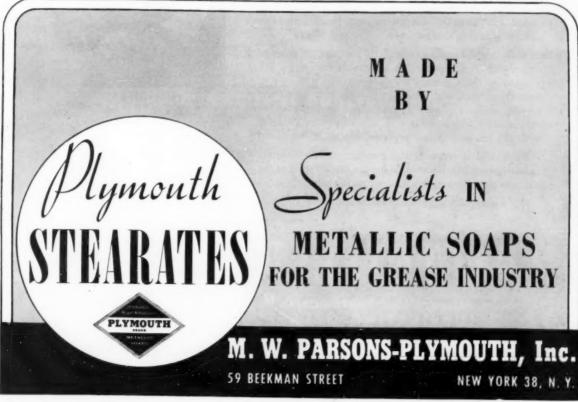




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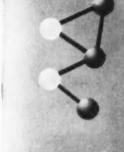
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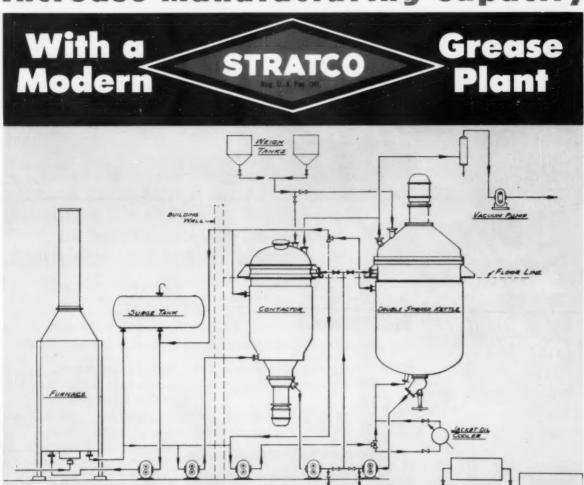


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